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**Title: METHOD FOR DARKENING A SUPERFICIAL LAYER WHICH CONTAINS ZINC AND WHICH IS OF A MATERIAL PIECE**

Request for Certificate of Correction:

Consideration had been given to your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule 1.323.

The numbering of the claims and their dependency in the printed patent is in accordance with the renumbering of dependent claims by the examiner as described in M.P.E.P. 608.01(n).

**Per the examiner "The application was filed with claims 1-28. As filed, claim 14 was dependent on claim 13. On January 12, 2004, applicant cancelled claims 1-28 and added claims 29-53. New claims 41 and 42 corresponded to original claims 13 and 14. The examiner's amendment changed the dependency of claim 42 to be consistent with original claim 14. The patent is correct".**

In view of the foregoing, your request in these matters is hereby **denied**.

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